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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/717,455)
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Filed: November 21, 2003)
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For: METHODS FOR INSERTION AND)
PROCESSING OF INFORMATION :
FOR THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF A)
DESTINATION NODE WITH A :
DATA STREAM CROSSING A)
BASIC NETWORK OF :
HETEROGENEOUS NETWORK, AND)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,751,721
U.S. Publication No. 2002/0009049
U.S. Publication No. 2002/0141439
U.S. Publication No. 2001/0008531
Europe 1 052 793
Europe 1 122 931
Europe 1 047 213

These documents were cited during prosecution of a French patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the French Search Report dated September 10, 2003 is enclosed.

It is noted that, since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of each U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent Application Publication are not being provided herein.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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